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11. (SBU) In an October 17 call with Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of Europe and North America Almaz Amha confirmed Prime Minister Meles Zenawi's commitment to support Guatemala, rather than Venezuela, in its bid for a UNSC non-permanent member seat. Almaz assured the Charge that Ethiopia's permrep has been instructed to vote in favor of Guatemala for all remaining rounds of voting.